

UNITY AND PROGRESS

The Ideas Permeating the Big "Get-to-Gether" Meeting at Tonawama

THE RECEPTION AND BANQUET

At the Burns Hotel a Success in Every Particular—The Women Take a Prominent Part With Timely Suggestions—Good Music Interspersed the Program

One of the particularly pleasant gatherings ever held in this city, and one that will tend to bring beneficial results, was the "Get-to-Gether" meeting, beginning at Tonawama, Tuesday evening, and ending with a banquet at the Burns Hotel.

It was the primary intention of those who started the affair to make it a general booster meeting, the especial features being the reception of our famous Bill Hanley, together with Hon. I. S. Geer and C. B. McConnell, all of whom had been out on missions for the people of this section. Mr. McConnell did not reach here in time to participate.

The program at Tonawama was quite interesting and enjoyable and was presided over by C. H. Leonard, former president of the Burns Commercial Club. There had been no time for preparation, therefore those taking part were placed at some disadvantage.

Mr. Johnson played a saxophone solo accompanied by Mr. Potter and this was followed by a male quartet chorus with these two, Harold Potter and Carl Welker. Miss Helen Purington rendered a piano solo, a mixed quartet by Mrs. Farre, Mrs. McHose, P. T. Randall and Julian Byrd with Mrs. Rembold presiding at the piano, a piano solo by Mr. Fellows and a mandolin and guitar duet by Homer Reed and Carl Welker were among the musical numbers that seemed well appreciated.

Dr. Elizabeth Ellis gave a splendid talk on the work of the women which was thoroughly enjoyed, speaking of her experiences on coming to this section and the wonderful improvement in conditions since. Dr. Ellis gave an insight of what was being done by the ladies who have the public library in charge and of the work done by the Mothers' Club.

Mrs. W. L. Blott made many practical suggestions as to the part of the ladies in helping to make it pleasant for the newcomers. She said the ladies have their part in pioneering that was distinctive—her first impressions governing the movement of the family to a great extent. Mrs. Blott proposed an organization of the ladies of Burns to look after the newcomer and show them the advantages and beauties of their surroundings—in fact make it so pleasant that she will forget homesickness and feel she is welcome among new friends. This met with the universal approval of all present.

The Times-Herald is pleased that the ladies were invited to talk and participate in these affairs as it will certainly be advantageous and bring about a more contented class of women who have left home and kindred to come to an isolated section where possible former advantages and conveniences are not to be had for the time being.

Mr. Hanley was called on for a few remarks. He followed in the same line of suggestions as voiced by the ladies who preceded him in the responsibility of home people to the newcomer. He insisted that happiness and contentment were the first things to be considered—good fellowship being greater than titles or big holdings. Mr. Hanley said home people should not allow little differences to interfere with the unity of purpose—that we should all stay together and that so long as it was for advancement, pure work and honest principles we would be harmonious and accomplish good.

At the close of the program at Tonawama more than half of those present went to the Burns hotel where one of the best banquets ever spread by that popular hostelry was enjoyed. The dining room was tastefully decorated and cut flowers formed a conspicuous part of the table decorations.

Judge Wm. Miller presided as toast master in a pleasant way and the richly gowned ladies again added to the pleasure of the occasion. The toastmaster first called upon Hon. Frank Davey to respond to the "Duty of Burns to the new Home Seeker." Mr. Davey responded in his usual forceful manner. He paid a fine tribute to Mr. Hanley for his increasing labor for Harney county and then gave his attention particularly to the subject chosen for him. He pointed out the responsibility of this city in the important work of developing and settling of this country. Burns is the first place the homeseeker strikes and while our very first has been the bringing of the individual to the country by our descriptive literature and encouraging letters, we should follow this by embracing the opportunity to put them right, give them a hearty and cheerful welcome and reliable information. He heartily approved of Mrs. Blott's suggestion of an organization for the ladies.

Hon. I. S. Geer responded to "Observations of a dry land farmer and Other Things." Mr. Geer spoke mostly of "Other Things," explaining that he was not devoting as much time as formerly to farming. He told of his recent trip to Portland and Southern Oregon points and found much interest shown in Harney county. Mr. Geer spoke of the advantage of this section in securing attention from the home seeker, as it was about the last place that desirable land could be secured cheap. He told of his visit to Mr. Gray of the Oregon Trunk and the plan of the Hill lines to build to Burns as was stated in the last issue of The Times-Herald.

Dr. L. E. Hibbard spoke on "Pests and Game of the County." Dr. Hibbard is a lover of nature and is very interesting in discussing such subjects. He believes we are prone to magnify our troubles and that pests are not so hard to get rid of as we imagine. Dr. Hibbard asserted that the pests would take care of themselves in course of time. In fact he predicted that in a short time they would become almost extinct, at least to such a degree that we would be considering ways and means to prevent the entire extinction of them. He spoke of the important part game had played in pioneering a country in providing food, and that it still has its place in that respect, but more particularly now in the way of attracting people for the sport—that it is an important asset to the country and urged its protection.

"The future of Harney County" was what C. H. Leonard responded to in a happy vein. Mr. Leonard has observed conditions and his predictions for the future were not overdrawn in any respect. He was conservative in his views of our future, but asserted it would take new blood to make it successful as the "old timer" was afraid of work. The shallow depth of water, the irrigation possibilities with proper conservation were all given attention.

Dr. Denman was among the out of town guests and spoke of his favorable impression of the

country and confidence of its future. He said the rabbits were a pest that should have serious consideration. He took issue with Dr. Hibbard that pests were easy to get rid of as they had tried poison with indifferent success.

Peter Clemens, Tim Donovan, Sam Mothershead, Wm. Farre and others were called upon, also Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Gault and Mrs. Miller, the latter responding with the suggestion already made that the ladies take part in the important work of looking after the new home seekers.

It was noticeable that every one who talked had the idea of making good to the new comer. Give them a good impression and a welcome that was genuine. Make them feel they are among friends who are anxious to see them prosper and willing to lend a helping hand.

Mr. Hanley was then called upon. He was visibly affected by the honor showed him by his home people and said he felt like hugging the whole outfit. He said he had started out with a selfish motive to boost this section alone but found from observation that he'd have to take in all of Oregon, later this was enlarged upon and adjoining states were included in his scheme, finally taking in all west of the rocky mountains—then he hit the trail and had to take it as far back as New York. Mr. Hanley again preached organization and said that money was easy to secure for development purposes if conditions were right. Mr. Hanley goes to nature for everything and draws his conclusions from observing the bee the ant and other such.

Dr. Denman again asked permission to speak and spoke of his regard for the people of this city and that he was not antagonistic. Rev. Dr. Babbidge responded to a call from the toastmaster as did also Dr. Geary.

It was almost 1 o'clock when the banquet board was deserted and there was a genuine feeling of better acquaintance and purpose after the talk fest and feed.

Lunch Box For School Children

At a lecture before the farmers' wives and daughters attending the farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural College, the Misses Minerva Kiger, Corvallis, and Clara Hartzog, Lakeview, exhibited a model lunch box for school children, containing the following:

One whole wheat bread sandwich made of two thin cut slices of bread spread with butter and filled with a paste made of three cooked figs chopped with six English walnut meats and seasoned with one teaspoon of lemon juice.

A white bread sandwich made of two thin slices of bread spread thickly with butter and a filling made of half a hard cooked egg finely chopped and seasoned with an eighth of a teaspoon each of salt and mustard half a teaspoon of vinegar and a few grains of pepper. These sandwiches furnishing the heat, energy, and building material for the body.

One large piece of sponge cake made from the following receipt: one-third cup of flour, the same of sugar two eggs, one teaspoon lemon juice, a half teaspoon of lemon rind. This cake will furnish heat, energy, and building material.

One adobe sandwich, composed of two crackers spread with butter, one being sprinkled thickly with brown sugar, the other with finely shaved sweet chocolate. The two crackers are pressed together and used as a substitute for cake.

Two stalks of celery with salt to give mineral salts and bulk.

One large orange or apple to add mineral salts and acids which are just as necessary as the other foods. The fruit should be eaten at the end of the lunch for desert.

OREGON AND EASTERN

Progress Across Central Oregon Continues to be of General Interest

FAST TRAIN IS SCHEDULED FOR

Panama Exposition at San Francisco—Supplies Being Rushed Into the Interior—The Soft Roads a Handicap—Burns to Be on the Railroad Map—Other News

A special to the Oregonian says:—

The Utah Construction Co. recently let a subcontract to the Baube Bros. Company, of Salt Lake City, and active construction work will soon be on in the Malheur Canyon, west of Ontario, on the Oregon & Eastern, the new Harriman east and west road, which is to tap Central Oregon. Thousands of dollars worth of supplies are being sent out of Boise daily to the railroad camps scattered along the right of way of the new line.

The Banks Bros. Construction Company have been working on the Emmett extension of the Idaho Northern, also a new feeder of the Harriman system, but their big outfit is now being moved from Western Idaho into Eastern Oregon to handle the new contract. On its arrival in Vale it will be taken overland to mile post 56 by way of Juntura.

W. L. Wattis, of the Utah Construction Company, who has general supervision over the grading and contract work, informed railroad men here this week that laborers will be rushed along the right of way with the opening of spring, and within a month several thousand men will be put on by the subcontractors. He estimates that probably three years will be occupied in grading the right of way and laying rails east and west across the state of Oregon, by which time train service can be operated.

Burns, the county seat of Harney county, which is located just twenty-two miles north of the present trans-Oregon line, was a few days ago promised a branch line by Assistant General Manager Carl Stradley, of the Oregon Short Line, as soon as the Oregon Eastern is completed to Odell.

Burns has made the railroad builders an offer of free railroad terminals for the branch line. It is given out here by railroad men connected with the construction work that the branch line to Burns will leave the main line near Dog Mountain, north of Malheur Lake, where Stradley and Harney County bankers have 1000 acres of land for a townsite. The tract is located five or six miles northwest of Narrows, a trading center between the two lakes.

The Oregon & Eastern is erecting a large number of buildings at Vale for the construction department, offices, ware houses, bunk houses and other necessary temporary buildings. C. S. Osborn, construction engineer, is in charge and expects to have the buildings complete for occupation by next week. Vale has been selected as the chief distributing point for the new road, and all supplies will pass through the railroad officials there.

Railroad men here declare that inter-mountain residents will be able to travel over the short cut across Oregon to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, when the Oregon & Eastern will be operating a fast train schedule. The Ore-

gon & Eastern will by that date be connected with the Central Idaho, now being constructed from Richfield through the Camas Prairie country to Boise, which is now built to Prairie City and will be completed this year to Boise.

THE LIBRARY CLUB.

One of the best programs of the season was presented by members of the "Ibsen" Group, viz: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Purington, Mrs. McConnell and Miss Collins, at the hospitable home of Mrs. Wm. Miller on February 6th.

"Happy the man who can endure the highest and lowest fortune. He who has endured such vicissitudes with equanimity has deprived misfortune of its power."

This thought was brought out in a clear, concise sketch of the life and works of Ibsen by Mrs. Purington. She said in part: "Less about the glaciers and pine forests" he cried, "Less about the dusty legends of the past—and more about what is going on in the silent hearts of your brethren."

Here is sounded the note which was ultimately to distinguish "Ibsen" from all the previous writers of the north. That no other man has had the profound influence upon modern dramatic ideals that Henrik Ibsen has, was made evident by Mrs. Purington in her able paper, the secret of whose success she said, lies couched in his own words: "In every new poem or play, I have aimed at my own spiritual emancipation and purification; for a man shares the responsibility of the guilt of the society to which he belongs." It was in this spirit that he wrote his greatest dramas, viz: "The Doll's House," "Ghosts" and "Peer Gynt." Mrs. Purington closed her paper, leaving this impression with her audience: It is not easy to say exactly what "Ibsen" means to his century. He is dramatist, optimist, pessimist, poet and realist—but it must always be borne in mind that although Ibsen's appeal is to the whole world yet it is to Norway that he belongs and it is at home that he is best understood.

A Piano Solo—"Solfeggietto" by Bach, was played by Miss Agnes Miller received generous applause.

Miss Collins in a most delightful and original manner interpreted two of Ibsen's most popular dramas viz: "The Doll's House" and "Ghosts."

In her interpretation of "The Doll's House" She showed that some of the clearest light "Ibsen" has shed on marriage we get from this play. The kernel of every home is its womanly principle and the kernel of Ibsen's play "The Doll's House" is Nora's character.

From this play, Miss Collins taught her hearers that Ibsen loves womanly individuality as the friendly drawing promise for all our retarded human develop-

ment, as the most promising side in the gospel of man as the daylight of the future.

A Piano duet—"Simple Confessions" Thome, was performed in a classical style by Miss Lulu Miller and Mrs. Rembold and was greatly enjoyed by all.

"Ghosts" the great prose drama which according to many of the best critics is the profoundest of Ibsen's dramas, was next interpreted by Miss Collins in a decidedly unique manner. She showed clearly the lessons that Ibsen meant to convey to the world thru his incomparable "Ghosts," viz: "Every transgression of the law has its sure punishment, and again 'If the end and aim of all literature is to please, then it must be done at the expense of truth.'"

Miss Collins closed her splendid, clear-cut presentation of "Ghosts" as follows:

We can not criticize "Ibsen" for his presentation of unpleasant truths any more justly than we can criticize him for the existence of the conditions of society which he holds up for our judgment.

A vocal solo—"A Swan" by Grieg, sung by Mrs. Gault in her usual faultless voice, closed the program.

RAPE SPECIMEN OF BIRD.

The Journal says: One of the few specimens known of a hybrid, bred in the wild state, is a cross between a Chinese pheasant and a blue or sooty grouse, which has been received by State Game Warden William Finley from Gene Simpson, superintendent of the State farm near Corvallis. The bird was shot while feeding with chickens in the barnyard of a farm near the game farm.

In its habits it is predominant-pheasant as it will feed with chickens near habitations and lives in the fields while the grouse is a timber bird and very shy. It also shows the strength and virility of the pheasant. It has no spurs.

It is much heavier than a pheasant, weighing three pounds, one ounce, and as large as the biggest blue grouse. The grouse has a square tail, while the pheasant has a long pointed tail. The new bird has a tail resembling that of the pheasant, but not so long. The plumage on the breast has just the touch of the rich hues found on the pheasant, while the lower part of the body resembles that of the grouse; the back has the mixture of the plumage of the two birds. In the blue grouse, the leg is feathered to the toes; in the China pheasant, the leg is bare. In the hybrid form which has been secured, the leg is feathered half way to the toe.

50,000 Bulletins For Boys and Girls.

An edition of 50,000 copies of the 32-page bulletin on industrial contests for Oregon boys and girls will be issued shortly from the O. A. C. printing plant, and one sent to every child in the state who is eligible to the contests. A prize list, not yet completed, already holds five prizes for each class in all of the various competitions. The first prizes include Shetland ponies, Jersey and Holstein calves, Southdown, Shropshire, Cotswold and Lincoln sheep, Poland China, Berkshire and Duroc Jersey pigs, Scotch collies, and chickens of various breeds, as well as other valuable awards. The second prize in each class is \$6, the third \$5, and fourth \$4, and the fifth \$3.

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